

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1010 without my signature.

While I support the idea of using an electronic multimedia format, it is crucial that we remain focused on providing all pupils with an actual textbook in core curricula areas. In addition, I am concerned about the rising costs of textbooks and this bill could create increased costs to the State in the form of higher textbook costs for publishers to comply with the electronic multimedia format requirement. Higher costs could make it more difficult for schools to ensure that pupils have adequate textbooks which was a cornerstone of the Williams v. State of California settlement agreement.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger